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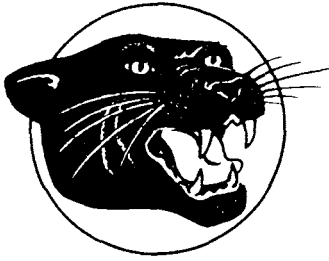
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# ***Panther Sports News***

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's basketball Panthers completed their ninth straight winning season with their patented last season surge.

Eastern was 14-13, winning eight of its last ten, in just its first year of NCAA Division I competition.

"We had some ups-and-downs but finished with a very positive attitude towards the '81-82 season," said second year coach Rick Samuels. "Getting over the .500 mark in just the first year of major college play was a feat in itself.

"Then accomplishing this with our backs-to-the-wall was an added plus . . . it's a credit, again, to the players because they didn't quit.

"Playing seven of those games at home down the stretch was a definite factor but our shooting, which had been sub-par most of the season, was the catalyst . . . it gave us much more confidence in running our offense."

In the last 10 games EIU shot 53% from the field and raised its overall season mark to 48%. During the past nine years the Panthers have compiled a 168-90 mark which averages almost 19 wins a season.

Senior forward Ricky Robinson (East Aurora) led Eastern with a 14 point scoring average. The four year letterman finished in seventh place on the all-time EIU scoring list with 1251 points.

However it was Leigh Hankins, a fifth year walk-on who had played little before his junior year, who was the most consistent. Hankins averaged 10.3 a game and led in field goal percentage (56.9%) and rebounds (5.7). He also was the only player to start all 27 games.

"Hank has to feel good about the season . . . here's a player who got the most out of his ability once he got the opportunity to play," said Samuels.

## 1981-82 FINAL EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY VARSITY BASKETBALL STATISTICS (14-13)

NAME	G(GS)	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	A	ST	PF(D)	TO	PTS	AVE	HI GAME
Ricky Robinson	26(25)	746	147	313	.470	73	99	.737	138	5.3	51	26	78(1)	67	367	14.1	29(VU)
Kevin Jones	26(10)	740	113	225	.502	103	148	.696	134	5.1	67	25	42	54	329	12.6	25(UNI)
Leigh Hankins	27(27)	793	115	202	.569	47	65	.723	155	5.7	52	24	74(1)	57	277	10.3	20(ONC)
Warren Patten	25(15)	472	78	173	.451	16	24	.667	53	2.1	43	15	16	55	172	6.9	24(KSU)
Tim Dykstra	26(1)	551	68	163	.417	20	30	.667	81	3.1	54	15	44	28	156	6.0	21(CSU)
Vincent Smelter	26(14)	615	58	111	.522	44	67	.656	68	2.6	42	25	54(2)	48	160	6.1	18(USIU)
Jim Williams	27(20)	594	63	127	.496	25	28	.893	98	3.6	17	19	68(2)	42	151	5.6	16(USIU)
Kurt Lorenzen	21(11)	363	39	61	.639	9	16	.562	16	0.8	15	9	29	10	87	4.1	19(WIU)
Eddie Jones	17(12)	308	38	103	.369	17	28	.607	40	2.3	10	5	30	24	93	5.5	18(EKU)
Mark Tarner	11	43	4	11	.364	0	1	.000	3	0.3	0	1	9	3	8	0.7	2(4 TEAMS)
Doug Crook	10	70	12	29	.414	3	6	.500	9	0.9	2	1	10	7	27	2.7	6(ISU)
Buzz Gough	9	76	10	21	.476	6	10	.600	22	2.4	1	2	12	10	26	3.2	6(LU)
Steve Hopkins	9	75	7	22	.318	5	11	.454	17	1.9	0	1	7	4	19	2.1	8(MORE)
Dirk Androff	3	19	2	2	1.000	0	0	.000	4	1.3	0	0	4	3	4	1.3	4(LU)
Paul Neidig	3	10	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	2	0.7	0	0	2	0	0	-	-
Team Rebounds 105																	
EIU TOTALS	27	5475	754	1566	.481	368	533	.690	945	35.0	354	168	479(6)	412	1876	69.5	88(KSU, ONC)
OPPONENTS	27	5475	805	1658	.485	320	471	.679	920	34.1	319	205	500(11)	495	1930	71.5	96(KSU)

Dead Ball Rebounds: EIU 59 OPP 57

EIU	OPPONENT	ROBINSON	PATTEN	WILLIAMS	HANKINS	E. JONES	SMELTER	K. JONES	DYKSTRA	LORENZEN	TARNER
L88 (OT)	96 Kent State (A) 1036	19/5	24/7	6/2	12/5	13/5	2/3	6/1	2/1	4/0	DNP
W88	77 Olivet Nazarene (H) 2000	5/3	14/5	10/12	20/7	6/3	13/0	11/6	8/4	1/0	0/0
W87	65 Eastern Kentucky (A) 2300	4/4	10/4	6/7	18/7	18/7	0/0	12/11	15/5	0/2	0/1
L77	90 Southern Illinois (A) 3400	16/3	14/6	4/1	9/7	11/3	2/0	14/4	7/4	DNP	0/1
L65	67 Howard University (A) 2000	12/5	10/2	3/3	6/10	13/2	4/0	9/9	4/5	DNP	DNP
W64	63 Southern University (A) 3100	10/7	2/0	6/2	0/4	5/3	0/0	21/4	8/3	0/0	DNP
L77	79 Morehead State (A) 3500	11/4	9/2	4/3	5/5	DNP	9/4	21/10	10/5	DNP	DNP
L55	94 Illinois State (H) 1500	10/2	2/4	4/6	6/3	DNP	9/4	12/2	4/3	0/0	0/0
*L70	71 Murray State (N) 11,300	6/2	14/3	6/3	14/2	2/0	2/1	18/4	6/6	DNP	DNP
*W68	67 Tennessee Tech (N) 11,300	13/9	12/4	2/4	12/5	2/3	DNP	21/9	4/2	DNP	DNP
L64	88 Indiana State (A) 4,109	8/4	10/0	6/5	0/3	8/4	2/1	3/3	5/8	6/0	2/0
W67	53 William Penn (H) 1,000	11/6	6/4	6/5	14/0	2/1	6/4	22/8	0/4	0/0	0/0
W78	71 Campbell University (A) 1400	24/4	14/3	2/1	10/11	4/3	8/3	16/1	0/2	DNP	DNP
L52	53 Delaware State (H) 4000	16/5	6/1	4/1	18/5	2/1	0/0	6/4	0/2	0/0	DNP
**L63	68 Northern Iowa (A) 1100	DNP	10/1	6/0	9/5	DNP	9/1	25/2	4/1	0/2	0/0
**L53	65 Western Illinois (A) 7632	19/7	0/1	11/9	0/2	0/0	6/5	12/7	DNP	0/1	DNP
L60	74 Lewis University (H) 1000	17/3	2/1	0/1	6/4	DNP	9/2	4/2	6/3	2/1	2/0
W86 (OT)	78 Chicago State (H) 2500	16/10	2/3	0/1	17/6	DNP	2/3	19/0	21/3	7/1	2/0
W66	65 Valparaiso (A) 1500	24/5	2/0	6/4	3/5	DNP	4/3	11/9	10/2	4/1	2/1
W47	43 Southern Illinois (H) 3000	8/7	4/0	2/6	0/6	DNP	10/3	10/5	2/1	11/0	DNP
W83	77 U. S. International (H) 1000	11/2	0/0	16/1	7/8	DNP	18/3	10/5	17/1	4/1	DNP
L60 (OT)	68 Baptist College (A) 600	12/6	0/0	6/7	19/2	3/2	7/5	7/3	2/1	4/2	DNP
L54	78 East Carolina (A) 1750	16/6	3/1	4/4	12/10	4/2	8/3	DNP	2/4	3/0	0/0
W84	75 Valparaiso (H) 2000	29/6	2/0	12/3	20/7	0/1	9/9	4/4	2/5	6/2	DNP
W59	55 Southern University (H) 1500	12/6	DNP	11/4	10/5	DNP	6/5	0/0	10/7	10/1	DNP
**W74	65 Northern Iowa (H) 2000	16/8	0/1	6/3	15/6	DNP	8/3	20/6	3/3	6/1	DNP
**W87	85 Western Illinois (H) 5800	22/9	DNP	2/0	15/5	0/0	10/3	15/6	4/1	19/1	DNP

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\*\* 2-2 in Mid-Continent Conference